

Today's News - August 28, 2002

2012 Olympic fever - a bi-coastal battle: New York vs. San Francisco: NYC mayor is sure to endear by referring to S.F. as a "very nice small town," while S.F. refers to NYC as a "dark horse" (never mind that there are a raft of other cities around the world contending). Oh, and then there's the shortlist for the 2010 Winter Olympics. Sustainable development and international law: a new set of principles, but will it work? There's a growing sense that the World Summit on the Environment "has been hijacked by corporate interests," and the only real successes are happening in grass-roots movements. Not good news for affordable housing, according to a study, then add to your alphabet soup: TND (Traditional Neighborhood Design) that attempts to be inclusive, but is often hampered by zoning and land use regulations. There's a rotting home crisis in New Zealand that could cost \$1-6 billion - and architects deny liability. A high-end retail complex is planned for a high-end neighborhood. New York hopes to make the city safer for "non-motorized street users," while in London, a new office complex rises in the middle of a highway...and much more.

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